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1. Any person who stays at a new address in Sofia for more than 24 hours must register his residence. This restriction applies equally to persons who have changed apartments and to those who have come to Sofia as permanent or temporary residents.
2. Although it is easy to obtain police approval for a visit to Sofia not to exceed 10 days, it is quite difficult to have the permit extended. To receive an extension, the person concerned must submit a detailed application to the police station of the district of residence, and the application is usually granted only for such reasons as illness, which must be confirmed by a physician's certificate, or parents' request to stay with their children. Maximum extension is not more than 20 days. These regulations do not apply to students or to people coming to Sofia in the course of duty.
3. The house administrator (Upravitel Doma) is responsible for registration. He is appointed by the district police through the district organization of Otechestven Front. He must maintain a residents' book, in which are listed all residents of the house with such personal data as date of birth, place of birth, and place of employment.
4. To effect registration, a visitor reports to the house administrator with a type 3 registration form, which he can obtain at any kiosk for .20 leva. The house administrator enters the personal data as shown in the identity card in the resident's book, has the visitor sign the form, and then countersigns the form himself. He then takes the resident's book, the registration form, and the identity card to the district police station. The police retain the registration form, stamp the resident's book and identity card, and return them to the house administrator. The stamp contains the date fixed for a visitor's departure from Sofia. If a resident changes his address in Sofia, the stamp confirms only that he has been registered.
5. The procedure for registration of departure is the same, except that a registration form type O is used. The departure is then stamped in the resident's book and in the identity card.

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6. Tenants are frequently checked by the police. A police officer dressed in civilian clothes usually visits the house administrator early in the morning and asks for the residents' book. The house administrator does not produce the book until the police officer has identified himself. The police officer checks the book and then, accompanied by the administrator, visits each apartment to verify registration of all residents. If the police officer finds a person who has not been registered, he is authorized to fine the house administrator, the occupant of the apartment, and the visitor. Fines may go as high as 400 leva. If the unregistered visitor is wanted by the police, the case goes beyond the fine.
7. The house administrator has assistants among the tenants, one to each floor, to ensure that all visitors comply with registration regulations. Further, each tenant must inform the administrator of anyone who visits his apartment. He may do this either orally or by slipping a note in the administrator's apartment when the latter is away.
8. The house administrator is in close contact with the police. Each district has a special police officer who receives house administrators between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. At that time the administrators report any irregularities concerning registration regulations.
9. All new identity cards observed to date, including those of the security service, have a dark green cover. All cards are numbered with six-digit figures, the first two of which are zeros. Each six-digit number is preceded by two letters, which may represent the city and district of residence. All identity cards issued in the first district of Sofia, called Stalin, bear the letters CK (?).

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